

A circular black and white stamp. The outer ring contains the text "OIPE" at the top and "PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" at the bottom. In the center, the date "MAR 22 2005" is stamped.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

March 21, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to further examination, pursuant to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows, in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004.